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Happy Halloween!!



Hens in Festus— The City Council passed an Ordinance providing guidelines for permitting up to four hens inside the City limits. This decision was made after the citizen survey did not produce a strong statement either for or against the chickens. There are guidelines for placement of chicken coops, 1/2

acre minimum lot size, and a one time permit fee of \$30. Residents that are interested in raising hens can view the full **Ordinance 4066** on the City website and may contact the Public Works building at 937-6646 for lot size inquiries and permits.

Tourism Commission Budget

The Tourism Commission is made up of representatives of local businesses and residents of the City of Festus. They are commissioned with the responsibility to authorize the use of our local Tourism tax that is charged at our hotels. Their approvals for the FY 2013 budget are listed below.

Brochures— \$10,000 to sponsor brochures highlighting the parks, historic downtown, and shopping areas.

Highway Signs— The Commission approved \$17,000 to install “Welcome to Festus” signs along I-55 at the Highway A exit and funding to keep the grass maintained.

Tour of Lights—The Commission approved funding of \$1,000 for the Tour of Lights.

Blues Funk Event—The Commission approved funding of \$5,000 for this event.

Sunset Park Concession Stand— The Commission

Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2013

The City Council’s mandate for the new budget year was to include necessary street, sewer, and water projects, keep the town safe, reward the employees, and no deficit. Through the hard work and vision the of department heads, employees, and City Council we have achieved a balanced budget that will afford some major street projects, a safe and active community and a small raise to employees. Our upcoming major street projects include Central Avenue, South Mill Street, American Legion Drive, and Horine Road planning phase.

Our water/sewer plans include creating a plan for extending service to England Drive, continue lining sewers, put a plan in place for infrastructure repair and maintenance, and come up with a solution to get rid of the rusty water in parts of town.

Our Police and Fire Departments will continue to protect and serve. They are always available for outreach. Sunset Park will be ready for softball in Spring 2013.

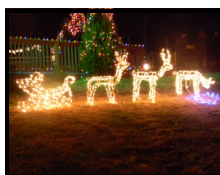
We will be purchasing new accounting software and replacing an aging phone system.

Our budget this year will be \$16,333,867, and we hope to replace some of the reserves.

Central Avenue Project—

- The reconstruction of Central Avenue is scheduled to begin October 1.
- The project is expected to last 120 days, which may be interrupted and prolonged by inclement weather.
- 90% of the time, there will be one lane open.
- Resurfacing will be completed in sections of 2,000 feet beginning at N. Mill Street and going west.

American Legion Drive— This project is on schedule to begin in 2013.



2nd Annual Tour of Lights— Forms are available at Public Works for residents and businesses that would like to adopt a space to decorate. Sponsorship may also include lighting one of the trees along the park. Please call 937-6646 for more information about sponsorship.

Fall Yoga & Zumba in the Park



The Fall Yoga & Zumba program kicked off with a chilly start! We still had a great crowd though. This program will continue through the end



of October. Come out on Tuesdays at 6:30pm for Yoga and Wednesdays at 6:30pm for Zumba at the Sunset Park Bandstand.



Pet of the Month

The City has this female Rottweiler available for adoption. She is very sweet, happy, and playful! She is also potty trained! The adoption fee is \$60 if you would like to take him home. The fee includes an exam, rabies shot, and spaying/neutering. If you would like to adopt, please contact Tim Mullins at 937-6646. Thank you!

Trick or Treating October 31st at 6pm

Halloween is always held on October 31st in the City of Festus. Trick-or-Treating is to take place between 6pm and 9pm. The tornado sirens will sound when it is time to begin. We wish a safe night of Trick-or-Treating to everyone!



Safety Tips

The Police Department would like to share some safety tips that children and parents can keep in mind so it will be a safe and happy holiday for everyone.

- Carry a flashlight at all times
- Use reflective tape on costume
- Do not cross the street with a mask over your face
- NEVER go into the home of a stranger
- Trick or Treat in your own neighborhood
- Carefully check all treats and notify parents and police if there are any suspicious treats

Leaf Collection— Leaves will be falling soon, and every year we like to remind residents not to allow leaves to make their way into the storm drains. IESI will pick up an unlimited number of bags on residents' yard waste days during the months of November and December. Please bag them up for that collection. Thanks!

Animal Traps— Festus Animal Control will no longer be servicing private traps. The City does provide loaner traps for residents and will continue to service these. There is a waiting list to borrow these traps. Residents may sign up for the list by contacting Tim Mullins at 937-6646.

Fall Bulk Clean-Up

- Residents requested a fall bulk clean up, and we have scheduled one for Saturday, October 20, 2012, from 7am-3pm in the Public Works parking lot at 950 N 5th Street.
- Proof of residency is required.
- There will be a dumpster for yard waste, bulk items, and recycling.
- IESI employees will be on hand to assist with larger items.
- No hazardous materials will be accepted.
- Midwest Recycling Center will be available to recycle electronics.



Meetings/Events (Subject to Change)

- **Council Meetings**— October 10 & 24 at 7pm in City Hall
- **Workshops**— October 17 at 7pm in City Hall
- **Park Board**— October 25 at 6pm
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting**— October 18 at 6:30pm
- **Board of Adjustment**— October 8 at 7pm
- **Yoga in the park**— October 2, 9, 16, & 23 at 6:30pm at the Sunset Park Band Stand
- **Zumba in the Park**— October 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 6:30pm at the Sunset Park Band Stand
- **Fall Bulk Clean Up**— October 20 from 7am-3pm at 950 N 5th Street